



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney's Office to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project.

The Department of Public Service is engaged in the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project. The project will widen Dublin-Granville Road at Ulry Road for turn lanes, traffic signal improvements, a shared use path on the south side, a sidewalk on a portion of the north side, and drainage improvements. The cost to acquire the right-of-way needed to complete the project is estimated at \$350,000.00. If the cost to acquire the needed right-of-way should exceed this estimate, additional legislation will be submitted to Council requesting the needed funding.

The Department of Public Service is currently finalizing construction plans and is prepared to authorize right-of-way acquisition pending passage of this funding legislation.

2. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amounts of \$350,000.00 are budgeted and available for this project in Fund 4421, the Rocky Fork Blacklick TIF Fund. It is necessary to appropriate these funds, transfer them to Fund 7421 (Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund) and appropriate the funds in Fund 7421 so they can be expended.

3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to provide necessary right-of-way acquisition funding and prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

To appropriate funds within the Rocky Fork Blacklick TIF Fund and the Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer cash between these two funds; to authorize the City Attorney's Office to acquire the property needed for the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$350,000.00 from the Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$350,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is engaged in the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project; and

WHEREAS, the project will include the widening of Dublin-Granville Road at Ulry Road for turn lanes, traffic signal improvements, a shared use path on the south side, a sidewalk on a portion of the north side, and drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of this project necessitates the City acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to various properties located along the project corridor as additional rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way acquisition cost, including professional services, staff and land costs, have been estimated to total \$350,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes funding in the amount of up to \$350,000.00 for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, funds must be appropriated within the Rocky Fork TIF Fund and the Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund and transferred between these two funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office needs to be authorized to expend \$350,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to hire professional services and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the various property rights necessary to complete the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project; and

WHEREAS, funds must be expended to acquire these property rights; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the necessary right-of-way acquisition for the project to prevent unnecessary delays in the Department of Public Service's Capital Improvement Program to ensure the safety of the traveling public, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the sum of \$350,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 4421 (Rocky Fork TIF), Dept-Div 4402 (Economic Development), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$350,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from Fund 4421 (Rocky Fork TIF), Dept-Div 4402 (Design and Construction) to Fund 7421 (Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the sum of \$350,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 7421 (Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P530086-100038 (Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the City Attorney's Office is authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate, to contract for professional services, and to negotiate with property owners to acquire the additional rights of way needed to complete the Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road project in an amount up to \$350,000.00.

SECTION 5. That the expenditure of \$350,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 7421 (Rocky Fork TIF Capital Fund), Dept-Div 5912 (Design and Construction), Project P530086-100038 (Intersection Improvements - Dublin-Granville Rd at Ulry Road), in Object Class 06 (Capital Outlay) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 9. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

